

STRONG DRIFT FOR RATIFICATION OF DRY AMENDMENT

U. S. DRY BY 1920, IS 'SUN' CANVASS

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the credit. It must be remembered that the amendment was first submitted by a Democratic Congress on a two-thirds vote; that a Democratic Congress adopted nationwide prohibition as a war emergency measure; that the measure was approved and signed by a Democratic President and that they have been mainly Democratic States that have ratified the national amendment.

"It must also be remembered that 90 or 90 per cent. of the area of the country is under prohibition, State or local—at the present time, and that this affects between 65 and 66 per cent. of the country's population. Then, too, the disclosures that have come out, and are still coming, of connections between the brewers and the so-called German-American alliance has helped materially to crystallize public opinion and force the issue that cannot longer be delayed."

States That Have Ratified.

These are the States that have already ratified the Federal amendment:

Alaska
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Mississippi
Montana
North Dakota
Oregon
South Dakota
Texas
Virginia
West Virginia

Yester, when the amendment was ratified.

The States in which prohibition obtains and which are expected by the anti-liquor forces to ratify the amendment are:

Alabama
Arkansas
Colorado
Iowa
Indiana
Kansas
Maine
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Nevada
New Mexico
North Carolina
Ohio
Oregon
Utah
Washington
Wyoming

Total, 22.

Adoption of Eleven Other States.

The strength of the prohibitionist claim is seen in their own classification of the other eleven States, which is described by their own agents thus:

States now "wet" but where the incoming Legislatures are expected to ratify the Federal amendment:

California
Vermont
Wisconsin

Total, 2.

States in which legislative action may be more or less doubtful:

Connecticut
Missouri
New York
Tenn.
Hawaii

New Jersey

Total, 1. Grand total, 6.

Superintendent Anderson, speaking particularly of New York State, also told The Sun that the activities of the Anti-Saloon League would in no way be abated, even should the necessary thirty-six States ratify the amendment without New York.

NEW YORK TO RATIFY DRY RULE, IS BELIEF

G. O. P. Control in Senate Re-liefed On to Win.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—The ratification eventually by the New York State Legislature of the Federal prohibition amendment is confidently predicted by the leaders of the Republican party, who expect to frame the destinies of the State organization during the next two years.

It is known there are enough ratification votes in the Senate and Assembly to force a Republican party caucus on the question. The pressure will be strong from the moral forces of the State to compel a caucus in each house. It is not believed enough Republican Assemblymen would absent themselves from a caucus to defeat ratification, which would require a majority vote of a quorum of members present.

In the Senate the situation is different. There the Republican majority is narrow. There are 22 Tammany Senators, including Senator Bamper of Buffalo and Senator Mackrell of Ronkselaer. The other 22 Senators are Republicans, and a majority of the Senate is 26. Those who oppose ratification insist that if a caucus is held in the Senate there will be at least four Republican Senators who will refuse to attend the caucus, and their refusal would defeat ratification.

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CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21.—Ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment by the New Hampshire Legislature next month is assured if pre-election pledges are kept. Every man of the Legislature received a questionnaire from the Anti-Saloon League and a big majority in both Senate and House is on record to vote for the amendment. The prohibitionists count on at least nineteen of the twenty-four Senators and two-thirds or more of the members of the lower branch.

Governor-elect also has promised to urge early ratification.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Fight against ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment by the incoming Legislature is prosaged here by the subscription of \$1,500 by the California Grape Protective Association to meet initial expenses of a campaign against it.

The association also threatens a legislative investigation of rumors that State Senators and Assemblymen have given pre-election pledges to vote for ratification, an offence in violation of the California Penal Code.

Theodore A. Bell, recent Governor-elect, who will conduct the fight for the grape growers, says until the Federal Constitution is amended Congress cannot prohibit the sale or manufacture of wine.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 21.—The thirty-fourth biennial session of the West Virginia General Assembly is to convene here January 8. Present indications are that the proposition of ratifying the prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution will be introduced early in the session.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—While the Republican and Democratic party leaders in the Indiana Legislature are not backed with the names of the 105 Assemblymen required to ratify over the amendment,

Lieutenant-Governor-elect Edward E. Belknap, President pro tem of the Senate, announced before election that in case of a tie in the Senate his vote would be cast as the majority of Indiana's voters voted in November.

Both the Pennsylvania Dry Federation and the Pennsylvania State Assemblymen are voting in favor of the amendment.

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Wet, Dry and Local Option Areas of United States



House, composed of thirty Republicans and thirty Democrats, presents an effective barrier.

Prohibition was made the dominant issue in the campaign in Essex county, which resulted in the defeat of the Republican candidates pledged to prohibition, and the election of twelve Democrats on an anti-prohibition platform.

The Essex organization under the leadership of James R. Nugent is working hand in glove with the Democrats of Hudson, adding twelve more votes to the anti-prohibition forces.

WETS MAY CONTEST OHIO PROHIBITION

Adoption of Amendment by Legislature Predicted.

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 21.—It is fully expected that the Federal prohibition amendment will be ratified by the Ohio General Assembly soon after it meets in January. The incoming Legislature is decidedly dry and besides the State at the November election registered its opposition to saloons by a vote of 100,000.

Ratification will be subject to a referendum if the wets insist upon carrying the issue to the people. There is now pending in Ohio a test suit to determine whether the amendment was properly approved in Washington. The contention is that only two-thirds of the members present in the National House and Senate voted for its submission instead of two-thirds of the full elected membership of the two branches.

OREGON WILL VOTE DRY.

Action on Federal Amendment Next Month Is Planned.

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LANSING, Mich., Dec. 21.—Plans are underway for the ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment during the first week of the legislative session, which opens January 1. The dry advocates have a big majority in both houses of the Michigan Legislature, and will be able to ratify the amendment by a single vote.

IDAHO TO BACK AMENDMENT.

Legislature Overwhelmingly in Favor of Dry Plan.

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IDAHO, Dec. 21.—Idaho will undoubtedly ratify the national prohibition amendment at the coming session of the State Legislature.

The State has been dry under statutory prohibition since 1915, and the Legislature will be three or four to one for the amendment. In both branches, the Republican party overwhelmingly controlled by a platform pledge to ratify, no real contest is likely.

DRIES CONTROL IN MICHIGAN.

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MONTGOMERY, Dec. 21.—The incoming Alabama Legislature will unquestionably ratify the national prohibition amendment. Little, if any opposition is expected, the primary for electing the Alabama having been conducted almost solely on the question of ratification, and a large majority of candidates favorable to the resolution were elected.

CONNECTICUT IS UNCERTAIN.

Signing of True May Keep Liquor in State.

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HARTFORD, Dec. 21.—Although the prohibition managers have felt sure the Connecticut Legislature will ratify the prohibition amendment the situation is beginning to be uncertain enough to cause uneasiness among the more experienced leaders.

The House probably is for the amendment by some half a dozen or a dozen votes, but by the time the vote in the Senate is taken there will be disagreeing action, with the Senate voting against the amendment by about 15 to 19.

KANSAS HOPES TO LEAD DRY COLUMN

Not a Dissenting Vote on Prohibition Problem.

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TOPEKA, Dec. 21.—Kansas will ratify the Federal prohibition amendment, it is believed, every one of the forty State Senators and 125 members of the House of Representatives will vote for ratification. The new Governor, Henry J. Allen, will urge in his message the speedy ratification.

MAINE WILL ADOPT PROHIBITION CLAUSE

Governor Elected on Pledge to Enforce Drought.

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AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 21.—The seventy-ninth Maine Legislature, which will convene January 1, will ratify the prohibition amendment. Gov. Carl E. Millett, who was elected and reelected on a platform of enforcement of the Maine prohibition law, will urge the ratification of the Federal amendment. As the Legislature is overwhelmingly Republican, there is no doubt the amendment will be ratified.

NEBRASKA IS SOLIDLY DRY.

ratification of Amendment Will Be Virtually Unanimous.

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LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21.—Ratification of the prohibition amendment by the Nebraska Legislature will be virtually unanimous, of the 100 members of the Legislature.

DRYS FAVORED IN INDIANA.

Leaders Say Little on National Prohibition Amendment.

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NORTH CAROLINA CORKS JUG.

Anti-Liquor Rule to Win by Ten to One.

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RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—Leading anti-prohibitionists in the 1919 General Assembly admit no possibility of preventing the adoption of the prohibition amendment unless the Rev. R. L. Davis, the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, demands a prohibition commissioner, in which event the body will rebel.

UTAH STRONG IN DRY CAUSE.

United Vote Will Back U. S. Prohibition Amendment.

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SALT LAKE, Dec. 21.—The Legislature of Utah unanimously will ratify the amendment to the Federal Constitution declaring for nationwide prohibition.

WASHINGTON STATE KEEPS DRY

Federal Amendment Will Be Passed Without Question.

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TACOMA, Dec. 21.—There is no doubt the prohibition amendment will be ratified. Every proposition submitted to a vote for four years has been carried and each successive act has made prohibition regulations more stringent.

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